



County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Social Services

Bryce Yokomizo
Director

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TO: Each Supervisor

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FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: MERVYN'S COMMUNITY CLOSET

This is to inform your Board that my Department has accepted an invitation to participate in the Mervyn's Community Closet event for the year 2003. Mervyn's conducts a national tour once a year during which they reward individuals in welfare-to-work programs with ensembles worth over \$350.

Mervyn's and Dress for Success are the organizers of this event which will take place on May 22, 2003 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Forty welfare-to-work participants, pre-selected by our GAIN and GROW offices, will receive working ensembles and makeovers. Dressed in their new outfits, these participants will be able to attend a job fair, staged simultaneously at this facility, giving them an opportunity to meet face-to-face with prospective employers.

Another part of the event will be a graduation ceremony to further honor these forty recipients of ensembles, who have completed training/education components prior to the date of the event.

We are looking forward to this event which will provide a great incentive to our GAIN and GROW participants, encouraging them to become economically independent.

BY:mdv

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors